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Northern Virginia Rate Differential for MR, DD, and DS Waivers - Effective July 1, 2007

The purpose of this memo is to notify providers of services under the MR, DD, and DS Waivers. The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) is creating a Northern Virginia (NOVA) rate differential for services that are unique to the MR, DD, and DS Waivers. The rate differential will be effective July 1, 2007.

The following MR, DD, and DS Waiver services will be affected by the NOVA differential:

National Code	Modifier	Code Description
97139		Therapeutic Consultation
97535		Congregate Residential Support
97537		Day Support, Regular Intensity
97537	U1	Day Support, High Intensity
H0040		Crisis Stabilization - Supervision
H2011		Crisis Stabilization - Intervention
H2014		In-Home Residential Support
H2023		Supported Employment, Individual Placed Prevocational
H2024		Supported Employment, Enclave/Work Crew
H2025		Pre-vocational Services, Regular Intensity
H2025	U1	Pre-vocational Services, High Intensity
S5111		Family Care Giver Training

Providers will be eligible to receive the NOVA differential rate for services furnished on or after July 1, 2007. The actual NOVA differential rates for these services will be released in a future memorandum after the Appropriations Act is finalized.



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Reimbursement of the NOVA differential rates will be based on the location of the Medicaid recipient on the DMAS recipient file, not the location of the provider. This is the same methodology used to determine the application of the NOVA rate differential for other Home and Community Based Waiver Services with a NOVA rate differential.

The NOVA region for MR, DD, and DS Waiver services was determined based upon the existing NOVA and Rest of State (ROS) definitions currently being used for other waiver services. This is based on the Virginia localities that are part of the Washington DC-VA-WV urban area designated by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for Medicare home health rates.

Listed below are the NOVA localities and their corresponding FIPS (Federal Information Processing Service) Codes, effective January 1, 2006:

Alexandria City - 510	Loudoun County - 107
Arlington County - 013	Manassas City - 683
Clarke County - 043	Manassas Park City - 685
Fairfax City - 600	Prince William County - 153
Fairfax County - 059	Spotsylvania County - 177
Falls Church City - 610	Stafford County - 179
Fauquier County - 061	Warren County - 187
Fredericksburg City - 630	

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